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1. SUMMARY: THURSDAY PLENARY DEBATE PRODUCED CONCLUSION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL, I. E. FOUR DOCUMENTS TABLE WERE COMPATIBLE. ALL ARE TO BE FORWARDED TO SECRETARIAT FOR ITS GUIDANCE ON STUDIES. CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT ON CONCLUSIONS OF FIRST SESSION AND REPORT OF SESSION OCCUPIED REMAINDER OF TIME, APPROVAL EVENTUALLY FOLLOWED WITHOUT ANY SIGNIFICANT DISAGREEMENTS DEVELOPING. END SUMMARY.

2. THURSDAY A. M. PLENARY WAS ANNOUNCED TO BE LAST FORMAL MEETING OF GROUP PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF FINAL REPORT, IF GROUP WISHED TO CONCLUDE BY FRIDAY NIGHT. DEBATE ON FOUR DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT SESSION (PRIMARILY ON GROUP 77 AND D PROPOSALS SUBMITTED AT END OF WEDNESDAY'S P. M. MEETING) INDICATED NO ONE WISHED TO PICK FIGHT;

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CONSEQUENTLY, INTERVENTIONS FOCUSED ON THEIR COMPATIBILITY

AND USEFULNESS OF EACH TO SECRETARIAT. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH DECISION THAT CHAIRMAN (SELVIG) WOULD PRODUCE AN "AGREED STATEMENT" OF SESSION IN DRAFT, DISCUSS IT WITH GROUP COORDINATORS THURSDAY P. M., ENABLE THEM TO REPORT TO THEIR GROUPS, AND THEN REUNITE IN SELVIG-COORDINATORS MEETING TO AGREE ON HIS FINAL TEXT LATE THURSDAY.

3. GROUP MEETINGS ON "AGREED TEXT" WENT INTO EVENING, AND AT REUNITED COORDINATORS-SELVIG MEETING LATER STILL, GROUP 77 AND B OFFERED SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES TO FIRST DRAFT. COORDINATORS MET AGAIN ALL FRIDAY MORNING TO HAMMER OUT TEXT.

4. FRIDAY P. M. PLENARY WAS UNEVENTFUL THOUGH EXCESSIVELY LONG, FOUR DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT SESSION HAVE BEEN ANNEXED TO IPG REPORT AND THEY, ALONG WITH THE SECRETARIAT'S PAPER AND SUBMISSIONS OF UN REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, CONSTITUTE FORMAL GUIDANCE TO SECRETARIAT FOR ITS STUDIES. NUMBER OF ISSUES GIVEN TO SECRETARIAT IS LARGE AND NATURE OF SOME RECOGNIZED AS COMPLICATED; CONSEQUENTLY, INTERVENTIONS INDICATE UNDERSTANDING THAT SECRETARIAT WILL HAVE CERTAIN MEASURE OF FLEXIBILITY IN DEVISION STUDIES, THOUGH NOT TOTAL DESCRETION IN PICKING AND CHOOSING AMONG SUBJECTS. ONE CONCLUSION THAT CAN BE DRAWN FROM SESSION IS THAT PRELIMINARY SECRETARIAT STUDY WAS ON RIGHT TRACK IN VIEW OF MOST DELEGATES, AND SHOULD BE FILLED OUT.

5. MALINOWSKI MADE LENGTHY INTERVENTION AT END OF THURSDAY PLENARY TO EFFECT THAT SUCCESS OF STUDY DEPENDS ON FULL COOPERATION OF COUNTRIES IN SUPPLY INFORMATION TO SECRETARIAT. IT WAS SENSED THAT QUESTIONAIRES MAY BE FORTHCOMING WITH IMPLICATION THAT SUCCESS DEPENDS ON FULL AND PROMPT REPORTING BY STATES. GROUP OF 77 SPOKESMAN AND OTHER GROUP 77 MEMBERS IMMEDIATELY AFTER MALINOWSKI'S INTERVENTION UNDER SCORED THEIR LIMITED MANPOWER AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES. IT WAS SENSED THAT SUCCESS DEPENDS ON FULL AND PROMPT REPORTING BY GROUP B STATES.
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